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Title: **DIAGNOSIS OF SPONGIFORM DISEASE****PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.182 TO REPLACE DEFECTIVE DOCUMENTS**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

To the Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.182, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: 1) to replace the defective Inventor Oath & Declaration as originally filed with the corrected Inventor Oath & Declaration attached hereto; and 2) to replace the defective U.S. National Phase Transmittal Letter as originally filed with the corrected U.S. National Phase Transmittal Letter attached hereto.

FACTS AND REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF CORRECTED DOCUMENTS

On February 7, 2003, Applicant's undersigned counsel was contacted by phone by Mr. Micheal Neas of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office PCT Branch. Mr. Neas noted that the Transmittal Letter and the Inventor Oath & Declaration as originally submitted in this application contained a typographical error in the serial number of the underlying PCT application. The correct PCT Serial No. is PCT/GB 97/02667 and is properly reflected in the substitute documents submitted herewith.

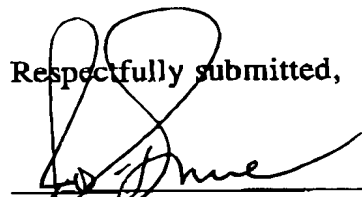
To correct the error in the serial number, Applicant respectfully requests that the Transmittal Letter and Inventor Oath & Declaration attached hereto be entered in place of the previously submitted Transmittal Letter and Inventor Oath & Declaration.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-2055 in the amount of \$130 to pay for the cost of this petition.

If the Office requires any further corrections or clarifications, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at 608-821-2100.

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Respectfully submitted,



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